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MCB Welders go expeditionary

By Sgt. Brian Davidson
Press Chief

Three members of MCB – Cost Work Center 743, Welding, gathered the tools of their craft together and headed for Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. Their mission was to replace a 12-foot span of steel armored panel on a Light Amphibious Vehicle for 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion stationed there.

Members of the “911 for Marine Corps SUVs” have no qualms about taking on an expeditionary role from time to time because they believe their primary mission is to keep

units on track and the Corps on the go, according to Gregory Johnson, Metals senior production supervisor.

“You never know exactly what you’re walking into when you leave the depot,” said welder Steve Langevin, but that is part of the challenge the welders expect – the unpredictability.

“We knew that it was a big job and that we were doing something that we’ve never heard of being done before, but we’ll do whatever it takes to keep Marines and the mission going,” added Doug Tate, welder.

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Joshua Bridgeman makes one of his first jumps off a diving board at the Oasis Club pool Monday as instructor Cara Weis watches. He is one of the children on base participating in Semper Fit's swim classes this summer. See Page 8 for other Semper Fit programs.

MSC celebrates 54 years

By Vice Adm. Richard Nelson
Navy Surgeon General

Congratulations to the Medical Service Corps for 54 years of faithful and dedicated service.

Your beginnings go back to 1947, when 251 plankowners served in four main specialties of supply and administration, medical allied sciences, optometry and pharmacy. Today you have grown into a strong, vibrant component of the Navy medical department with over 3,200 active duty and Reserve personnel serving in 32 specialties ranging from clinical providers to scientists to healthcare administrators.

This past year, your accomplishments once again have been outstanding. At home or abroad, at sea and in every corner of the world, the Medical Services Corps continues to be an integral part of the Navy medicine team providing the very best support to our sailors and Marines. As I near the end of my 34 Naval career, I think of the many achievements and contributions that have been made by the men and women of the Medical Service Corps. I am confident that you will continue to help make Navy medicine the leader in healthcare delivery and help us realize Navy medicine's vision of superior readiness through excellence in health services.

I am proud to have served with such an outstanding group of professionals and applaud your accomplishments. Congratulations on a job well done. Happy 54th birthday!

TRICARE for Life begins October 1

Compiled by
BARSTOW LOG STAFF

The long-anticipated TRICARE for Life program becomes reality October 1.

On that date, age 65 and older uniformed services beneficiaries who are Medicare-eligible and who purchased Medicare Part B gain access to the expanded medical coverage of TFL as a second payer to Medicare.

Adding to the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program that began April 1, the TRICARE for Life entitlement provides comprehensive healthcare coverage benefits for eligible family members:

- For a service that is a Medicare- and TRICARE-covered benefit, Medicare will pay first and the remaining out-of-pocket expenses are paid by TRICARE. After Medicare pays their allowance for care, Medicare forwards the claim to TRICARE. TRICARE then determines the amount they will pay and sends the payment to the doctor or hospital.

- For a service that is a TRICARE-covered benefit, but not covered by Medicare, such as overseas care, TRICARE pays the same amounts it pays for retirees under age 65 who use TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra. The beneficiary is responsible for an annual deductible and cost share.

- For a service that is a Medicare-covered benefit, but not covered by TRICARE, such as chiropractic services, Medicare pays what is covered by Medicare, and TRICARE pays nothing. The beneficiary pays the Medicare co-pays.

– For a service that is neither a Medicare- nor TRICARE-covered benefit, such as cosmetic surgery, the beneficiary is responsible for the cost of that care.

TRICARE for Life as a second payer to Medicare is available for age 65 and older, Medicare Part B enrolled:

- Medicare-eligible military retirees, including retired guard members and reservists.

- Medicare-eligible family members and widows/widowers.

- Certain former spouses if they were eligible for TRICARE benefits before age 65.

To qualify for TRICARE for Life, the beneficiary and eligible family members must be enrolled in Medicare Part B and be correctly listed in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). If they are not enrolled in Medicare Part B, they can visit the Social Security Administration online at <http://www.ssa.gov> or call (800) 772-1213, TTY/TDD (800) 325-0778. To be sure their information is correct in DEERS, call (800) 538-9552.

Additionally, some military hospitals and clinics offer limited enrollment in a new program, TRICARE Plus. Offering primary care enrollment at a military hospital or clinic, TRICARE Plus is open to all beneficiaries eligible for care at that facility, with priority enrollment being offered to those currently participating in the TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration, and those already empanelled at a military treatment facility. Participation in the TRICARE Plus program is limited to select mili-

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The School of Hard Knocks - Revisited

By **Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger**
Marine Forces Pacific

There are numerous ways a leader can motivate us to do the right thing. Sometimes we get motivated from hearing inspiring words of encouragement. Other times the proper motivation by a leader might require his boot to our backside (figuratively speaking) to get us to correctly respond to his instruction.

How a leader motivates depends on the leader himself and the individual/s needing motivation. Regardless of the form of motivation used, it's useless if those on the receiving end were not moved to do the right thing. And that brings me to the subject of this article. How can I motivate each of you to stop putting yourselves in danger both at work and while on liberty?

Marines, we continue to lose our brethren (to death or severe injuries) needlessly and at an alarming rate to senseless accidents. There is no acceptable explanation why so many Marines are dying, or becoming injured, in peacetime other than to say it's a result of carelessness or poor decision making.

So (rhetorically speaking), what mode of motivation will it

take to cause you to respond to common sense safety measures? Many of you may have read an earlier article of mine on, "The School of Hard Knocks."

Basically, I encouraged you to listen to the wisdom of those of us that had already attended the classes and still bear the scars and consequences of our careless actions.

In this article to you, I could try motivating you to "think safety" before you act by scolding you like children, pampering you, threatening you or whatever else I thought would make you realize it's your life and limbs I want you to protect.

I could yell at your command's leadership to get more involved to ensure you act more responsibly both on the job and during your liberty time. I could quote you mounds of statistics showing how senseless and preventable most deaths and serious injuries are if only we would think before we act.

I could encourage your commands to do a better job assessing your ability to be responsible. If, for example, you're found not to be a responsible Marine at work, then don't let you operate a POV aboard the facility. After all, operating a motor vehicle on a military installation is a privilege, not a "right." Maybe that is the type of motivation tool needed to get

you to be more responsible and safety conscious in your actions.

Yes, I could do any number of the above suggestions or others to motivate you to do the right thing as a motor vehicle operator, scuba diver, swimmer or anything else that puts you at risk, but the question remains, "would it be enough to get you to always do the right thing?" I don't believe it would.

I don't believe it would cause any of you to be any more careful of your personal welfare than what you choose to be now. I believe it's like leading the old horse to the watering hole. You can lead him to it, but you can't make him drink!

I learned a long time ago that I could only change one person's mind to do or not do something. That one person is me. I can't "make" anyone else feel the same way I do about anything. I can only try to persuade (or motivate) them to see things as I do. And that includes being more safety conscious.

Others can try and motivate, threaten or warn you to be safe at work or on liberty, but only you can choose to do the right thing. Remember, no one can, or will, take better care of you than you.

Take care of yourselves Marines!

A Vow of Trust

By **Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik**
Base Chaplain



The other day I went with my son to see the movie, "Planet of the Apes."

One of the main plots in the movie was trust. That trust was portrayed in

different ways. One of the obvious ways that it was portrayed was when one of the apes had to go across water. (As portrayed in the movie, apes are afraid of water – they don't know how to swim). One of the human characters reassured the ape with a vow of trust that he would not let her drown.

In our own lives, many times we look for reassurance and trust from God because of our fears. It is our spiritual relationship with God that can provide for us the strength we need to give us spiritual confidence and overcome our fears. God has vowed to us that if we put our trust in Him, He will be trustworthy to us for everything in our lives.

How do we respond to that trust? Do we go forward in our lives because of that trust or do we choose to remain stagnant and even, sometimes, go backwards in our lives because of our fears?

God tell us that He does not give us a life of fear, but of power, and of love, and a sound mind.

II Timothy 1:7 states, *"For our trust in God to be made complete, God gives us a free will to choose whether or not to trust Him. When we choose to trust God in everything, we demonstrate our faith in Him."*

Many of the fears that we struggle with in our lives are because we have chosen not to trust God. When we choose to not trust God with the circumstances in our lives, we drown in our own fears spiritually and emotionally. God is reaching out to us right now, asking us to trust in Him.

It is my hope that each and every one of us will put our trust and confidence in this life and in the life yet to come in God.

Blessings to all,

Chaplain Krupnik

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Captain Rolando R. Sanchez, judge advocate, instructs the Marines on base during a PME on domestic violence. Sanchez covered the legal effects on Marines convicted of a domestic violence charge.



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NEWS BRIEFS

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Route 66 Street Fair

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Route 66 Street Fair and Market Festival began June 5 and continues through August 28.

This Tuesday is National Night Out. Come join the fun as military policemen from the base Provost Marshal's Office join with base firefighters, the Barstow Police Department, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol as they take a night off from fighting crime to educate local residents on crimefighting.

Some featured performers include the MCLB Barstow K-9 military working dog unit and karaté demonstrations by students of a local dojo.

The fun starts at 6 p.m. on Main Street in Old Town Barstow, between Barstow Road and Second Avenue. Festivities and runs until 10 p.m.

Anyone interested in being a vendor or assisting with the planning of this summer's community events or for more information call Cheryl Beardshear, 255-4834, or the Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617.

Childbirth Preparation Classes

The New Parent Support Program offers assistance to expectant parents with childbirth preparedness classes. The classes are free and, best of all, they are taught in a one-on-one environment at home.

June Treadwell, a registered nurse, gives the classes and covers everything about labor and delivery, including how 'dad' can be actively involved during the process.

To arrange appointments or for more info, call June Treadwell, 577-6332.

Travel Information

As of July 20, the Adjutant's office is handling all requests for travel,

(whether PCS or TAD). Requests for travel, car rentals and copies of orders should be FAXed to the Adjutant's Office, 577-6471.

Pick up tickets at the SATO office in Building 15. Corporal Marcos A. Ruvalcaba is the point of contact at 577-6891.

Staff Sgt. James M. Garza still works in the housing section while the functions of the Travel Management Office are being absorbed into the Adjutant's Office. He is the point of contact for questions regarding housing, and setting up appointment.

He may be reached at 577-6259.

Head Start/State Preschool

San Bernadino County Head Start/State preschool is offering a free comprehensive child development program to low income families, families receiving CalWORKS/TANF and children with special needs regardless of citizenship status.

The program is open to children three or four years of age for full-day or part-day sessions five days a week. The full-day program already began but is still accepting applicants. The part-day program is three-and-a-half hours a day in the mornings or afternoons and begins September 11.

Children will receive nutritional meals and there are individualized services for families.

Buses are running, so transportation is available to applicants who need it.

For more information stop by Barstow Head Start at 25757 Agate Rd., or call Lucille Stanson, eligibility worker, at 253-2957.

Olympics at Barstow?

Benny Finch – a fictitious character born and raised in Barstow – dreams of the 2008 Olympics being held in Barstow.

That's the concept of a comedy that an independent film company recently

filmed on the street of the local community.

The premiere showing of the 89-minute feature is being held at Gil's Place, 235 E. Main Street August 11 to benefit the Cancer Resource Center.

The Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice sponsors the premiere which starts with a no-host bar at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 and the movie at 8.

For more info call 256-5706/252-5943.

Archery Practice

The base archery club wishes to remind readers that it's time to start practicing before the hunting season begins.

The base archery range is open Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m. for general practice.

All military members and civilian workers from the base are invited to come down and visit their facilities at the old steam plant on Golf Course Road.

Note: Only people who are legally allowed to use MCCS facilities may use the range.

Wednesday Playmornings

Every Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. the New Parent Support Program hosts Play Morning at the McKinney Youth Center for parents with children ages six and under.

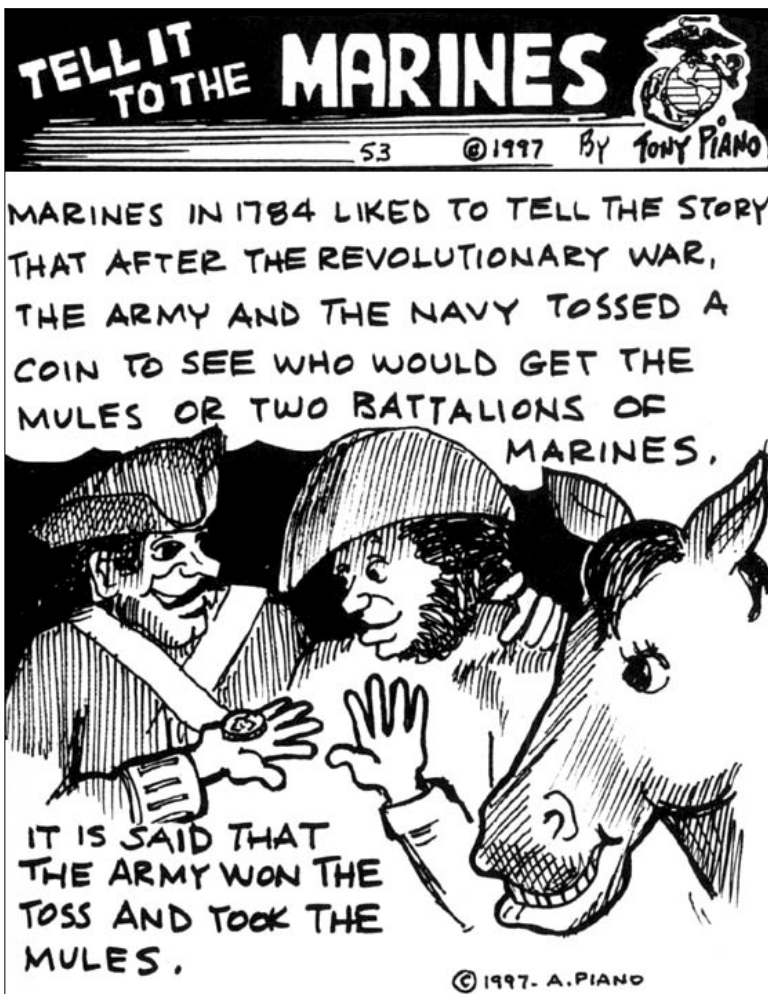
Among the numerous activities are crafts fun for children and parents alike.

For more information call June Treadwell, 577-6332.

Marine Mail

MARADMIN 031/01 recently released the third quarter calendar year "Question to the Corps."

The third quarter's question is "How can we further reduce time in training, time awaiting training, and/ or time in transit without diminish-



ing the quality of required Military Occupational Specialty training?"

Marine Mail is also open to suggestions containing any or all of the following four criteria: What aren't we doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should do differently? What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What new concept or idea should the Marine Corps investigate to improve its warfighting capability?

Submissions meeting the criteria for Marine Mail should receive a reply within 30 days of receipt. All submissions that do not meet at least one of the criteria or respond to the "Question to the Corps" will be immediately returned without action taken.

Submit a "Question to the Corps" reply and/or Marine Mail response via e-mail at marinemail@hqmc.usmc.mil; postal mail to: Marine Mail (CMC), HQMC, 2 Navy Annex, Washington D.C., 20380-1775; or by FAX at (703) 614-5035.

Enlisted to Officer Selection Boards

Headquarters Marine Corps released the deadlines and convening dates of fiscal year 2002's enlisted to officer selection boards.

Enlisted Commissioning Program and Meritorious Commissioning Program boards for FY02 are as follows:

The first deadline for package submission is October 1. The board convenes December 1, and the selected Marines attend Officer Candidate School from January 20 to March 29. The second deadline for package

submission is February 1. The board convenes April 1, and the selected Marines attend Officer Candidate School from June 2 to August 6.

The third deadline for package submission is June 3. The board convenes July 29, and the selected Marines attend Officer Candidate School from October 6 to December 13.

Warrant officer selection boards for FY02 are as follows:

The deadline for regular warrant officer package submission is March 1, and the board convenes June 4. The deadline for reserve warrant officer package submission is April 3, and the board convenes July 1. The deadline for warrant officer gunner package submission is May 1, and the board convenes July 23. The deadline for warrant officer recruiter package submission is June 1, and the board convenes August 8.

For more info see MARADMIN 312/01.

Mounted Color Guard

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard is seeking members.

There are no prerequisites, other than being an active duty Marine. Previous experience with horses is not necessary. Mounted Color Guard Marines represent MCLB Barstow at parades and events throughout the country.

To join or find out more, visit the base stables at the rear gate of the Yermo Annex during normal working hours, or call Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond at 577-7302 or 577-7003.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-329-01-NR	Firefighter GS-0081-05	07-02-01	08-15-01	08-01-01	MCLB Barstow
DEU-339-01-NR	Secretary (OA) GS-0318-05	07-05-01	08-06-01	07-20-01	MCLB Barstow
DEU-343-01-NR	Cable Splicer WG-25-04-08	07-05-01	08-06-01	N/A	MCLB Barstow
DEU-353-01-NR	Electronics Worker WG-2604-08	07-13-01	08-10-01	07-27-01	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

Barstow hosts SoCal Special Olympics games

Barstow chosen to hold first Special Olympics Southern California games. Volunteers and athletes wanted.

By Sgt. Brian Davidson
Press Chief

For the average person, golf is a challenging sport, even on the best days.

For Danny Wells, an 18 year old who competes in the Los Angeles Special Olympics, the challenge is taken to new heights. He was born with just one functional arm and he has undergone extensive foot surgery as a child to enable him to walk normally. Still, he competes and challenges those around him to be the very best that they can be.

High Desert Special Olympic hopefuls, like their peers throughout California, are gearing up for this year's games and looking for the coaches and support staff they will need to give them an edge over the competition.

"Volunteers coaching or assisting in the

Special Olympic Games don't need any prior experience or skills in the sports they'll be coaching the athletes in," noted Susan Sorensen, Special Olympics Southern California Barstow Area coordinator. "All they need is a willingness to take part and to share their time."

Special Olympics Southern California Barstow is a new program in our community, according to Sorensen, and will be offering sports training and competition opportunities to individuals with mental retardation.

Volunteer coaches and assistants are needed to help with basketball, bocce, bowling and soccer for the Barstow Special Olympics to make the games a success.

"Volunteer coaches will receive all of the necessary training and certification Amateur Athletic Foundation at no cost," said Sorensen. "The certification they receive will give them the foundations they will need for coaching and a clear understanding of the rules and regulations pertaining to the sport."

In addition to seeking out volunteers, the Barstow Special Olympics are looking for athletes interested in taking part in the games.

Athletes ages 8 and older that have a mental retardation and would enjoy learning skills and making friends through sports are prime candidates, according to a SOSCB press release.

The first batteries of sports certification for coaches are in bowling and soccer, which must be completed by August 25. "The sooner we get people involved and certified, the sooner we can begin the bonding process," said Sorensen.

For more information about Barstow Special Olympics, call Susan Sorensen at 256-1690 or Frank Wyman at 256-8844.

The Special Olympics concept was first created by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1963, originating as a day camp for people

with mental retardation, to provide them with the therapeutic effects of physical fitness and sports activities. Special Olympics proper became a reality 1968 when 1,000 athletes from the United States, Canada and France competed in the first International Special Olympic Games.

That year, Special Olympics was founded as a nonprofit organization.



CPSC says products harmful to children

WASHINGTON (CNN) – Four recalls of products that can hurt children were announced Tuesday by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

One recall involves safety latches used on cabinets or drawers which break, while another involves 2.6 million toys distributed in Burger King kids' meals earlier this year. The third recall is for Fisher Price bassinets with a folding mechanism that has resulted in fingers getting caught or pinched. And the fourth recall involves 38,000 bicycles with frames that can break.

Latches a double hazard

Safety 1st of Canton, Massachusetts, is recalling 1.7 million packages of the safety latches because a spring in the mechanism can break, causing either a choking hazard or allowing children to gain access to cabinets or drawers, the CPSC announced.

CPSC and Safety 1st are aware of 27 incidents where the latch failed. They report two injuries related to latch failures: a 13-month-old girl suffered minor abrasions when she put the spring inside her mouth, while a 2-year-old girl received chemical burns to her throat after a faulty latch allowed her to gain access to a cabinet containing tile cleaner.

The latches are white plastic with "Safety 1st" written on the top of the latch. The packaging says "Safety 1st" and "cabinet and drawer spring latches." The latches were sold at hardware, toy and department stores from January 1993 through February 2001 for about \$7. The latches were sold in sets of three or four.

Toy a choking threat

Burger King has recalled 2.6 million toddler toys because children could choke on small parts if the toys break, the CPSC announced.

Included in the recall are the Hourglass Space Sprout and Look for Me Bumblebee toys, which were distributed in meals for children younger than 3 beginning in January. The toys contain small beads or balls that could pose a choking hazard.

There have been 18 reports of toys breaking, with children found with beads in their mouth in six cases. No children were injured.

The Hourglass Space Sprout is multi-colored with a green, smiling head, a clear hourglass body filled with beads and two red balls with yellow spots as arms. Look for Me Bumblebee has a purple base with a green leaf, a yellow head and three rings that fit over the head. The beads in the toys rattle.

Bassinets sold under 3 names

Fisher Price has voluntarily recalled 569,000 portable bassinets because of a problem with a folding mechanism that has resulted in fingers getting caught

or pinched, the CPSC announced.

The bassinets were sold under the names Sit & Smoothe Portable Bassinet, Soothing Sounds Bassinet and Soothing Sounds Portable Bassinet. The model numbers can be found on a white nylon label on the underside of the bassinet. Model numbers included in the recall are 79338, 79334, 79336.

The bassinet converts into an infant seat, and a white metal frame makes the seat portable. The bassinet is covered in blue and white print fabric with stars, swirls and hearts. The name "Fisher Price" is molded into the white plastic side of the vibrating unit.

Fisher Price received 24 reports of fingers getting caught or pinched in the bassinet.

The bassinets were sold at stores nationwide from November 1997 through March 2001. Only bassinets manufactured before April 2000 are part of the recall.

All three recalls were voluntary, the CPSC said.

Recall of 38,000 bikes

The agency also said a Taiwanese firm is recalling 38,000 children's sidewalk bicycles because the frames of the bikes can break, causing the riders to fall and get hurt, said the CPSC.

Acetrike Bicycle Co. and its distributor, Huffy Bicycle Co., have received four reports of the bike frames snapping. Three young boys suffered cuts and bruises. A fourth child was not injured.

The following models are involved:

- Cool Taz, 12-inch boy's style
- Sweet Tweety, 12-inch girl's style
- Mudslinger, 16-inch boy's
- Secret Treasures, 16-inch girl's
- Rugrats, 16-inch boy's
- Best Friends, 16-inch girl's
- Space Racer, 12-inch boy's
- Fairy Magic, 12-inch boy's
- MX1200, 12-inch boy's
- High Gear, 12-inch boy's
- MX 1800, 16-inch boy's.

Discount department, toy hardware and sporting goods stores – including Ace Hardware, Ames, Blain Supply, Kay Bee Toys, Meijers, Tru-Serv and Wal-Mart – sold these bikes nationwide from October 1999 through March 2001. The prices range from \$35 to \$70.

The recall includes bicycles having date codes of April 2000 and earlier. The date code is molded on the bicycles' left rear frame, at the point of attachment of the rear wheel. The model name is written on the bike's frame.

Take action immediately

The CPSC says consumers should stop riding the bicycles immediately and call 888-366-3828 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. EDT Monday to Friday or go

AROUND THE CORPS

NMCI opens first network operations center

By **JO2 Roy C. Padrick**

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Public Affairs

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, Va. — The 73,000 square-foot Network Operations Center and Help Desk Norfolk officially opened its doors during a recent ceremony here. Senator John Warner and Rep. Ed Schrock, both from Virginia, were on hand to give remarks.

The center will be one of two main connection hubs for the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet, which will allow more than 360,000 Sailors and Marines on installations through out the United States, Puerto Rico, Iceland and Cuba to share voice, video and data information.

“One of the most important aspects of the Intranet is that it provides these desktops with a very secure connection with other agencies,” said Dan Proctor, NOC manager. “There are only two ways in and out of this Intranet which provides for one of the most secure forms of information sharing in the world.”

The system work similar to the Internet. It connects a series of computers to a central hub and stores information at one location that is available to everyone.

Users of the NMCI, however, will have the

ability to access their files from any computer on the Intranet.

Software will be standardized throughout the Navy and Marine Corps, Proctor said, and will be updated so as to maintain more than one upgrade from the latest edition. Hardware will also be upgraded on all Navy and Marine Corps shore installations in the specified areas. Older hardware, often severely outdated and in need of repair, will be replaced with identical modern equipment.

The old units that contain needed files and “legacy” software will be updated and transferred to the new servers. The term “legacy” refers to software that is older than the types that are slated for use on NMCI.

The old computers and peripherals will be sold to Department of Navy personnel and businesses, reused if possible or donated to accredited organizations, such as schools.

The network servers, located in Norfolk and at 17 other remote locations along the East Coast, will be accessible from every desktop unit. Software and non-local files will be available via the servers as well.

“Eventually, we would like to see all this connection potential used for transferring all kinds

of information,” said Proctor. These include the ability to order supplies and repaired parts via the Intranet and obtain personnel information relating to pay and service records.

The ability to access these services is not available yet and is dependent on the individual agency’s ability to create the service, he said.

“A huge benefit of the Intranet is its ability to interact with IT-21,” said Proctor. IT-21 is the Intranet system currently used aboard ships.

Once fully functional, ships will be able to connect to information from any other ship or shore installation in the United States or at sea.

That ability is one of the cornerstones for making the project a success, according to Adm. Robert Natter, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. “Information management is an increasingly critical aspect of modern warfare. In this day and age you cannot support or sustain our forces at sea and defeat the enemy without continuous access to secure, reliable information.”

With that transfer of information comes the technical support to maintain the systems that run it. The Norfolk help desk will provide tech-

nical assistance to the users at the remote desktops and at sea.

Though not fully operational, the help desk has been available online for about two months. Several locations throughout the United States are already using the system that plans to be fully functional by December 2003, two years before the end of their contracts with the Navy.

The help desk and NOC will have a staff of about 600 people bringing roughly 550 new information technology jobs to the Hampton Roads area. Much of that is in the form of small businesses which provide about 68 percent of the subcontracting for the system.

“We are glad this new system will be in Norfolk,” said Schrock during the ceremony. “This area has always and will always foster great relations between the Navy and the community.”

Civilian job may account for the bulk of the staffing at NOC and help desk, but military personnel will also benefit greatly in the form of a revised sea/shore rotation.

Navy and Marine Corps information technology personnel will have billets available at

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Base Rifle/Pistol Team gearing up for competition

By **Sgt. Brian Davidson**
Press Chief

Each year some of the best shooters from the command come together to hone their rifle and pistol marksmanship skills in hopes of earning a place on the MCLB Barstow Rifle and Pistol Team.

Captain Vincent Applewhite, team officer-in-charge, and Master Sgt. David Vanhovel, team staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, have sounded the call for all Marines interested in making the team to take their best 'shot.' An informational meeting was held Friday morning to give prospective shooters a better perspective of what competition shooting entails.

"We are always interested in finding new blood for the team," said Staff Sgt. John Green, team member. "As it stands now, we have a number of experienced Marines who have been to the matches and know what it's like to compete in a field of shooters where everyone there has better than average skills. But, we always need tyros for the team."

Any number of Marines can represent their unit or command at the Marine Corps

Championship Matches; however, only six Marines can compete in the team rifle and pistol competition per team. Each team is composed of a team captain, a team coach and four shooters. One of the team's shooters must be an officer and another has to be a tyro – a first-time competitor in the CIAP matches.

Some view the potential of this year's team as strong.

"Last year we didn't do very well in the team match, partly because of inexperience and the fact that we didn't have much time to prepare," said Cpl. Jeremy Wellington, team member. "Now we are looking forward to getting into the groove of things earlier. At the last matches we got lots of good training from the Marine Corps Shooting Team, and we built on the skills we had."

One MCLB Barstow Rifle and Pistol Team member, Gunnery Sgt. Timothy Brooks, went distinguished at the 2001 Marine Corps Western Division Championship Matches, earning the Distinguished Rifle Marksmanship Badge. Brooks, who is augmenting the Marine Corps Summer Shooting Team, will bring his experience to bear on the 2002 team as the new

team SNCOIC upon his return.

Team members have a rare opportunity to match mettle with the best shooters in the

Corps west of the Mississippi at the Marine

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File photo by Sgt. Brian Davidson

Competitors vying for the Distinguished Marksman Award line up at the Camp Pendleton Known Distance Pistol Range during the Western Division Rifle and Pistol Service matches in March 2000.



Above: Joe Morocco works the stair stepper machine at the base gym. He completed the Climb the Seven Summits twice, which is a total of 23,808 floors on the stair stepper.

Right: Ruby Adams rides the stationary bike at the base gym. She is the first person to complete the ride to San Luis Obispo, Calif., in the Ride Across the Desert program.



The programs of ...



Story and photos By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

BARSTOW LOG staff

Semper Fit has been conducting three major fitness programs this summer.

One program is called Swim to Alcatraz. Alcatraz Island is three miles off the coast of San Francisco. During lap swimming time at the Family Pool and the Oasis Club Pool, swimmers that entered the program have been logging the laps they swim to try to reach the goal of swimming three miles.

Another program is Bike Across the Desert. From Barstow it is 900 miles to Denver, 600 miles to Tucson, Ariz., and 300 miles to San Luis Obispo, Calif. Using the stationary bikes in the base gym, bikers can choose to go to either Denver, Tucson, or San Luis Obispo. They log the miles they complete on the bike and work towards their goal of either 300, 600 or 900 miles.

The last program is Climb the Seven Summits. The amount of feet in the seven highest peaks in America has been broken down into a total of 11,904 floors on a stair stepper. Climbers can do from one to all the summits, depending on their goal.

Joe Morocco is a 65 year-old retiree, who has climbed the seven summits twice and has gone over 200 miles in one week on his way to Tucson on the bike.

"Marisa (Klavon) and the programs she put together are wonderful," said Morocco. "They keep me motivated and help me stay in shape."

Marisa Klavon is the Marine Corps Community Services Health Promotion Coordinator. She is the one who implemented these programs for the base.

"I think these programs have given the people involved in them an incentive to get in shape," said Klavon. "The people in the programs are always asking when new programs are going to be starting up."

Semper Fit has also been involved in how to teach the children on base how to swim by giving lessons at the Oasis Club Pool.

"We also have the swim program where we have close to 30 children participating," said Klavon. "When we started, we had children who wouldn't even stick their toes in the water, and now they are able to float on their own."

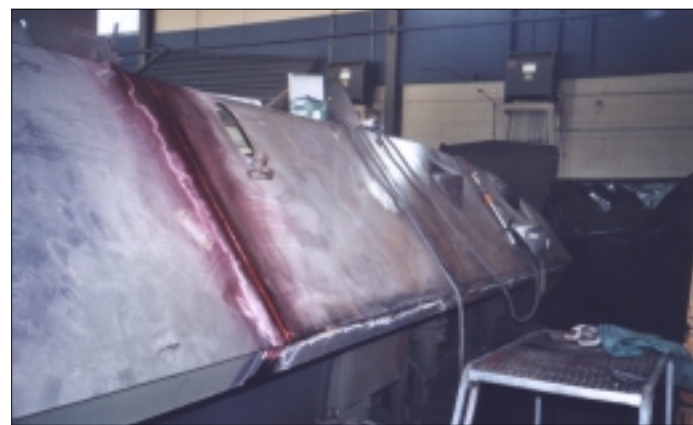
Service members, retired service members, and their families are still able to sign up for any of these programs. Children can still be signed up for the swimming lessons, and the final session of swimming lessons is aimed at teenagers. The class is designed to simulate what swimming on a high school swim team would be like. It is from August 20 to 24.

More programs are going to start up later in the year.

"Around September, I am going to start a program for running, and some other new ones as well," said Klavon.

Meanwhile the gym remains one of the best facilities around.

"I remember years ago when some of the equipment here was homemade," said Morocco. "Now we have all the new equipment to work out with. This place is far better than any place out in town."



Doug Tate, a welder from Maintenance Center Barstow, took photos of the repair process from start to finish over a 13-day period.

Expeditionary Welders

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went to New River to repair had been previously repaired in September 2000 at MCB Albany, Ga. However, the repair was done with replacement steel plate that was of inferior quality because of an error in manufacturing, according to Tate.

"It turned out that the steel wouldn't take the beating and abuse it would receive out in the fleet because it was too brittle and not up to standard," said Tate. "Our work on the vehicle consisted of cutting away all of the damaged area, fitting the plate to the area, and welding it on."

Although it does not sound like a very complicated task, it was.

"Variables like being in a new and different surrounding, using different equipment and tools added to the challenge to some degree, but the toughest part of the work was in putting it all back together again," noted Langevin.

The vehicles come off an assembly line but are by no means interchangeable because each LAV is formed using a mold, and each mold has its very own intricacies. This mean all work had to conform to the strictest standards from start to finish.

Once the work was completed, metals inspector Richard Jaramillo, the third member of the team, certified the quality of craftsmanship as without flaw.

Jaramillo double-checked the critical welds of the vehicle with a portable ultrasound.

Aside from a bit of difficulty, the welders found the most uplifting part of completing their mission was interacting with the Marines of the 2nd LAR. Sharing their fifth-echelon skill and expertise with the Marines was the highlight of the experience, according to the expeditionary welders.

"We showed the Marines what we did, how we did it and why," remarked Tate. "They helped us out in replacing the big metal plates, and we noticed that they didn't have understanding in a lot of points of welding. So, we took it upon ourselves to show them the ins and outs of techniques and processes, and we did it on a daily basis."

Langevin agreed, "The Marines couldn't have been more helpful or interested in what we did. Because of the cooperation and success in this mission, the unit is looking into the possibility of having some of their Marines come out and train in our shop here at the Maintenance Center."

For Wilson, the prospect of taking on a job and performing it at the highest level of expertise is just something he has come to expect from his welders because that is what they have always delivered.

Now, that more Marines in the fleet know about the caliber of work coming from MCB, Wilson is seeking new and better ways to equip his workers for the challenges they tend to encounter on a contact mission.

"Word of mouth travels fast," said Wilson. "They completed this mission 96 hours ahead of schedule. It was the first time anyone has seen it done outside of a depot, and the quality of the work was superior."

"This saved the unit a lot of money. We haven't been able to figure exactly how much yet, but the fact that their operational tempo wasn't nearly as disturbed as it would have been had they shipped the vehicle was, in itself, one of the things Marines at the unit were very pleased with."

According to Wilson, this successful mission opens up the potential for more and different types of contact missions to become a more frequent part of the workload for welders at the cost work center.

"We are always looking for new and improved equipment and ways to do things," said Wilson. "I am looking into ways to equip our guys for missions on the go because showcasing our skill in different venues goes a long way to accomplishing one of Col. Rivers' goals for the maintenance center: becoming the maintenance depot and service provider of choice west of the Mississippi."



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

August sale at MCX

The August sale features more great buys in TVs; such as the Panasonic "PanaBlack" 36" TV sale priced at \$699.99, a JVC 32" TV now at only \$499.99 and a JVC 27" at the low price of \$279.99.

There's more: MCX has slashed 10 to 50 percent off prices of selected men's and women's fashions in this August sale.

Plus, watch for summer giveaways and manager's specials throughout August.

Something special is coming up at the MCX/Super 7 Store: "MOVIE MANIA" video specials. If you're a movie fan then you'll love this one! Watch for more details in this column, in flyers and in the MCCS Events Guide.

The Nebo MCX/Super Seven Store is open Mondays-Fridays, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sundays and holidays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Yermo MCX/Railhead Exchange is open Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. During troop rotation: Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 256-8974.

The MCX Gas station is open Mondays-Fridays, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Credit card purchases are available 24 hours.

Lunch Menu

Today:

Nebo - Baked potato/ salad bar.

Yermo - Roast Beef.

Friday - Baked halibut.

Monday - Veal parmesan.

Tuesday - 12" turkey sub.

Wednesday - Chicken fajita.

Thursday - Chicken fried steak.

Lunch is served:

Nebo - 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Yermo - 11:30 a.m.-noon.

\$3 military, \$4.50 civilians.

Family Night menu

Tonight - Italian Night.

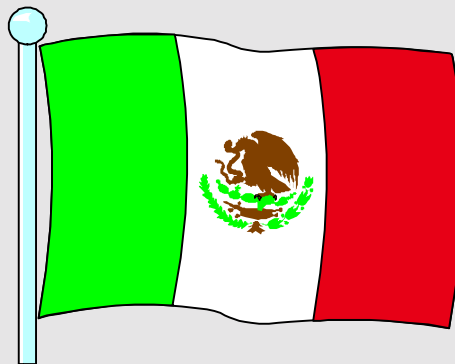
Next Thursday - Mexican Night.

Family Night dinners served Thursdays 4:30-7:30 p.m. Prices: Adults \$4.50, children five to 11 years \$2.50, children under four years are free.

SCGA Handicap

Want to establish a SCGA handicap so you will be eligible to play in the golf tournaments at Tees & Trees?

The cost is \$25 per year. Susan at the golf course will take care of the paperwork for you. For more info call her at 577-6431.



Tijuana

MEXICO

ITT has another trip to Tijuana, Mexico, scheduled for September 15.

This is a very popular shopping trip south of the border - hurry and sign up while space is available.

ITT

Information, Tickets & Tours

577-6541

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Closed Saturday and Sunday.

ITT tickets are available after business hours at the Bowling Center.



Above: Michael McDougal and Julie Hardy look over paperwork for MCCA warehouse goods.
Below: Vickie McDougal processes some paperwork on Non-Appropriated Funds personnel.



MCCA: *Doing business behind the scenes*

Story and photos by
Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

It takes many people to run Marine Corps Community Services. What could be interpreted as the nerve center for MCCA is located in the back offices of the Super Seven Day Store.

A lot of things dealing with MCCA are done there, or go through there.

They hire Non-Appropriated Funds personnel, deal with bounced checks passed at any of the MCCA facilities, do the accounting and finance for all of MCCA, and keep track of MCCA vehicles and warehouse goods all in the same office.

Rena Montano, head of business recreation and finance, oversees the people who keep track of the money for MCCA.

"We do all the accounting and finance for MCCA in this office," said Montano.

That means everything from getting new equipment for the base gym to ordering goods for the Super Seven Day Store.

Vickie McDougal is one of the people that handle all the paperwork on NAF personnel for MCCA.

"NAF personnel fill out applications there, and they are processed there as well," said McDougal.

Julie Hardy, head of operations branch, is in charge of many of the sections in the office.

"We all do very important work for MCCA," said Hardy.

MCCA vehicles and warehouse goods are controlled by Michael McDougal. He makes sure the equipment and goods get to where they need to be for MCCA.

The building adjacent to the MCCA offices houses the Temporary Lodging Facility Office and the Information Tickets and Tours office.

TLF controls all temporary lodging on base. They keep track of the rooms and who is staying in them. Also, requests for TLF are taken there as well. Tammy Younger heads up that department.

ITT provides servicemembers and their families with discount ticket prices to tourist attractions in the Southern California area.

"We also sell deep sea fishing tours, vouchers for hotels in the Anaheim and San Diego area, and specialty trips," said Kim Allen, recreation attendant.

All together, MCCA does quite a bit of business in this area.



Above: Ruth Harvell, accounting technician, adds some figures for MCCA finance. She helps account for all the MCCA funds.
Below: Tammy Younger checks the Temporary Lodging Facility logbook for vacancies.



SPORTS

Bulldogs impressive in win

Danny Nixon prepares to take the field after the Bulldogs put five runs on the board in the fourth inning.



By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The MCLB Bulldogs advanced in the first round of the "B" Division playoffs in the Barstow Community Softball League with a 17-7 win over the Untouchables.

After having virtually no offense during the Marine Corps West Regional Softball Tournament the week before and missing two players from the heart of their line-up, the Bulldogs chances looked grim coming into the game. This was backed up by the fact they lost to the Untouchables in the last game the Bulldogs played in the Barstow Community League.

The defense looked in bad shape too. The two players missing were Bryce Catlett and Johnny Garcia, who were at All-Marine Softball Tryouts. They comprised the entire left side of the infield for the Bulldogs. John Norris and Paul Zacharzuk, however, filled the void just fine for MCLB.

The Bulldogs came to bat first, and looked to be falling back into their non-hitting ways when Peter Vegliante and Joshua Barnhardt both popped out to start the inning. The Bulldogs shook that off though and went on a two-out rally, starting with Zacharzuk.

His single started the rally, and when it was over, the Bulldogs had scored four runs to go up 4-0.

In the bottom of the first, it took four hitters for the Untouchables to get out of the inning without scoring a run.

MCLB was held scoreless in the top of the second inning, but returned the favor once more to the Untouchables.

In the top of the third inning, Vegliante led off with a single. Barnhardt followed with a slow roller that was misplayed to put runners on first and second.

Bryan McClune drove both runs in with his hit to make the score 6-0. Zacharzuk, Dennis Owen and Reginald Harris also contributed hits to score two more runs in the inning.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Untouchables managed to squeak one run across to make the score 8-1.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Bulldogs continued the onslaught. Norris and Scott Duplechain each scored a run and Marco Catano wowed the crowd with his head-first slide into home plate to barely miss the catcher's tag.

With Vegliante on base, Barnhardt ripped a line drive down the right field line that got past the right fielder. Barnhardt rounded the bases on the misplayed ball and the Bulldogs scored two more runs to make the total 13-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Untouchables finally broke through and scored some runs. They got four across to make the score 13-5 after four innings.

The Bulldogs scored four more runs in the top of the fifth inning to set the stage for the slaughter rule. Down 17-5, the Untouchables could only score two runs and lost via the slaughter rule 17-7 after five innings.

The Bulldogs play CT Sales tonight in the second round of the playoffs.

CT Sales received a bye in the first round of the playoffs because they finished with the best overall record in the "B" Division.

SPORTS BRIEFS

All -Marine Ultra Running Team

Semper Fit is seeking résumés for the All-Marine Ultra Running Team. The ultra team is for ultra-marathoners who compete in extended distance runs exceeding 50 kilometers.

The John F. Kennedy 50-mile race is begin held November 17 in Washington, D.C. A 10-person team is being selected to compete in this event. The top five finishers for the team count for the cumulative team time.

Interested Marines submit a résumé in accordance with Marine Corps Order P1700.29 figure 3-4 to the base Semper Fit officer by September 1. Résumés must contain a command endorsement stating the Marine will be made available to attend all events if selected.

Résumés must also contain previous JFK 50-mile finishes (year and finish time) and any previous race finishes of 50K or longer over the past two years (race name, date and finish time).

For more information refer to MARADMIN 351/01 or call Semper Fit at 577-6971.



WATER

Conservation Tips

Outdoors:

A garden hose emits more than 10 gallons of water per minute. Use automatic timers and limit lawn watering to actual needs of turf type.

Water during the cooler parts of the day and at night to minimize water evaporation.

Ensure sprinklers water grass, not pavement.

Indoors:

Take showers instead of bathing. Showers use only a fraction of the water needed to bathe.

Turn off water while brushing teeth. Use cup to rinse.

The average toilet use five-seven gallons of water per flush. Reduce this amount by filling and placing two 1/2-gallon plastic jugs of water inside the toilet tank.

Photo illustration by Sgt. Brian Davidson

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the Center and help desk. They will also receive highly specialized training in network operations and administration without charge. Many will be able to get nationally recognized certifications.

Still more than two years from full operation, the Center continues to install equipment and bring personnel to staff the facility. Once fully operational, the NOC and help desk will provide constant support and training for all users.

“This Center will be a hub for one of the most important information technology endeavors in history,” said Natter.

The computers are not scheduled to be rolled out to the users yet, and no timeline was available when installations could expect to be ready, said Proctor.

“We plan on rolling out the equipment geographically, so it makes it easier for us to maintain control over the inventory,” Proctor added.

The contract was awarded in Oc-

tober 200 and is the largest government contract in history. Incentives for completion times and efficiency were written into the contract to allow for the Navy to maintain control of the level of satisfaction.

“We have measures in place to evaluate [Electronic Data Systems Corp.] to make sure our customers, the fleet, is satisfied with the service,” said Capt. Chris Christopher, Navy PEO-IT for NMCI. “If they aren’t, EDS gets penalized. If they are, they get rewarded. So there’s definitely incentive to keep the customers satisfied with their work.”

“We will provide the best service to our war fighters as possible,” said Proctor.

The next couple years will tell the tale when installations around the United States, Iceland, Cuba and Puerto Rico come online with the Intranet. Sailors and Marines will give the answer.

More information about NMCI can be found at <https://nmci.spawar.navy.mil>.

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to the firm’s Web site at <http://www.buffybikes.com> to determine if their bicycle is part of the recall. Consumers with a recalled bicycle will receive a replacement bicycle free of charge.

Regarding the Burger King recall, parents are advised to take the toys away from children and contact Burger King at 1-800-661-9173 for instructions on how to receive a free replacement toy. Consumers can also go to the Burger King Web site at <http://www.burgerking.com> for more information.

Regarding the Safety 1st recall, consumers can call 1-800-366-1282 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, for a free replacement set of latches. Consumers can also log on to the company’s Web site at <http://www.safety1st.com>.

Consumers are being told to stop using the bassinets and contact Fisher Price at 1-800-285-0324 for a free repair kit. The kit will prevent the frame from folding. Log on to <http://www.fisherprice.com> for more.

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tary hospitals and clinics. For more details, contact the nearest military hospital or clinic’s managed care department. At MCLB Barstow this is Gloria Sheppard, 577-6491 ext. 102.

Briefings on the TRICARE for Life program are scheduled for August 14

at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge 14041, Hesperia Road in Victorville, Calif., and September 11 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Oasis Club.

For further information on the TRICARE for Life program, visit the online site, <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>, or call (888) 363-5433.

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Corps Western Division Championship Matches and others at National Rifle Association matches.

Legendary Vietnam-era sniper Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Hathcock once said that the CIAP is the Corps’ best-kept secret. Some Marines are eager to learn about it firsthand.

“I want to get on the team and learn more about shooting in general,” said an enthusiastic Lance Cpl. Matthew Riley, Adjutant’s clerk and team prospect. “I have been hunting all of my life, but I never had the opportunity to fire a rifle until I qualified on the range at boot camp.

Now, having the opportunity to qualify with the rifle and pistol, and possibly compete – I see it as something that could benefit my Marine Corps career in the future. Plus, it would be nice to medal, too.

“Not every Marine goes to the Competition in Arms Program matches. Having the opportunity to compete for space on the base shooting team is great.”

Marines interested in learning more about the MCLB Rifle and Pistol Team can contact Master Sgt. David Vanhovel at 577-6725 or Staff Sgt. John Green at 577-6911.

Team members anticipate range firing to begin later this month.

Please submit all Trader Ads to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

1995 FORD F-150: Black, loaded, extra cab, 80K miles, bed liner, asking \$12,000, OBO. Call 253-5164.

MOTORCYCLE: 1988 Kawasaki Ninja 500, \$900. Call 447-9804. Ask for Jeff.

MOTORCYCLE: 1985 Suzuki, 1200 Madura, new tires, runs good, \$1,600 OBO. Call 253-7366.

MOTORCYCLE: 1987 Honda RX600, \$1,700. Call 447-9804. Ask for Jeff.

MOTORCYCLE: 1978 Husky 256CR, restored, \$1,000. Call 254-2095.

MOTORCYCLE: 550 Kawasaki, runs great, must see to appreciate, \$500 OBO. Call 256-1914 AWH.

SERVICES: ATTN: LADIES, aesthetic body waxing and henna tattoos available right here on MCLB. Great rates, call for your appointment, 252-8666.

MISCELLANEOUS: 5th wheel, 1995 Road Ranger, 30' Super Slide, awning, elect. jacks, 2 door refrig/freezer, microwave, ducted air/heating, other extras, like new, must see to appreciate, \$15,000. Call 256-3489.

MISCELLANEOUS: 4 chrome spoke wheel 15", five lug, \$50. Call 254-2095.

MISCELLANEOUS: Children's loft bed w/side rails and homework desk underneath, \$200 OBO. Call 256-1914 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Total gym w/instruction booklet, exercise guide and all accessories, 4 months old as seen on TV, \$500. Call 252-0736.

MISCELLANEOUS: Grass trimmer, cordless battery chargeable, \$25; Nokia 5120 cell phone w/battery and case, \$45. Call 242-8839.

MISCELLANEOUS: Hot tub, \$1,100 OBO. Call 253-7366.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sturdy loft bed with two-drawer dresser, desk and two shelf bookcase, needs one mattress, \$375 OBO. Call 256-3647.

MISCELLANEOUS: Set of 51 beautiful leather bound Louis L'Amour books, published by Bantam, \$300, for the set, OBO. Get list of available books by sending e-mail to JoeZ619@aol.com or call 252-3509.

MISCELLANEOUS: Automatic home bakery, Hitachi HB-B201 Plus, bakes breads, dinner rolls, doughnuts, croissants, \$75. Call 256-2434.

YARD SALE: August 3-5, lots of new, used and good things, printer, clothes, tools appliances, bikes, books, magazines, videos, tapes, games and more. 34726 Birch Rd., Barstow (Grandview).

WANTED: Motorcycle trailer, reasonable. Call 254-2095.

